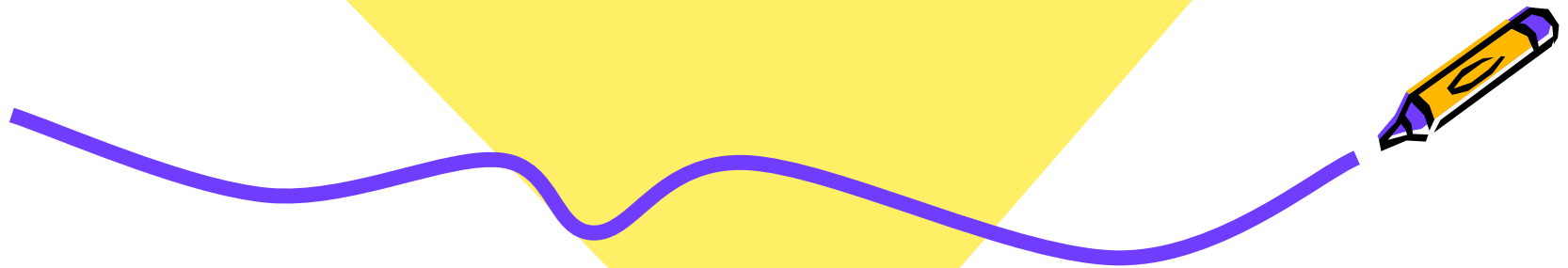
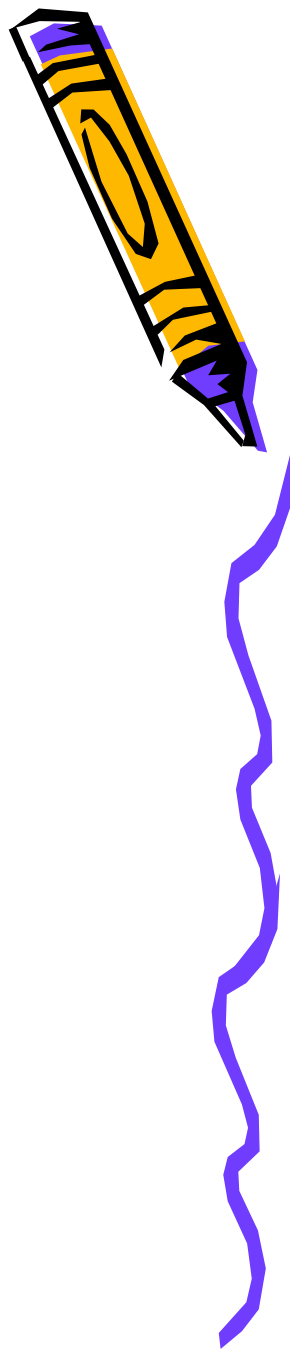


The Wonderful World of Punctuation



Period .

- Used at the end of an imperative or declarative sentence
- Used in abbreviations, like someone's initials



Exclamation Point !

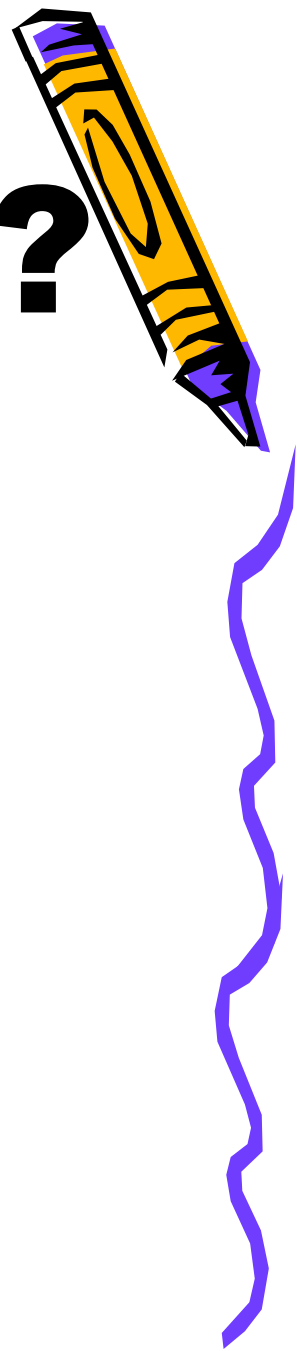


- Used at the end of an exclamatory sentence
- Used after an interjection to show strong feeling



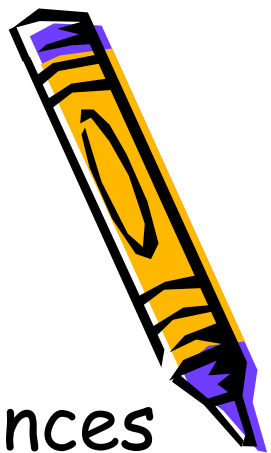
Question Mark ?

- Used at the end of an interrogative sentence

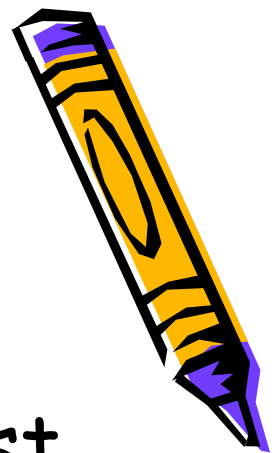


Comma ,

- Used with a conjunction to put two sentences together
- Used to separate the date from the year
- Used to separate city from state or country
- Used to separate unnecessary information from the rest of the sentence
- Used to separate an appositive from the rest of the sentence



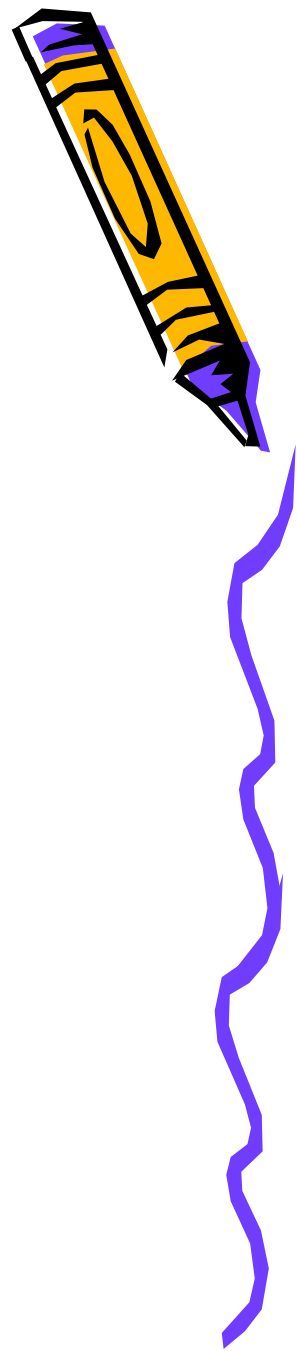
Semicolon ;



- Used to separate items in a long list
- Used with a transition word to join two sentences together (;transition word,)
- Used by itself to join two sentences together (sentence;sentence)



Colon :



- Used to introduce information
- Used in writing time (4:15)
- Used in Biblical references (John 3:16)



“Quotation Marks”



- Used to indicate a direct quote
- Used to mark the title of a short work, such as articles, songs, poems, etc.
- Used when referring to a letter, word or a number. Ex: We think that the number “13” is unlucky. or The letter “W” appears 47 times in this poem.



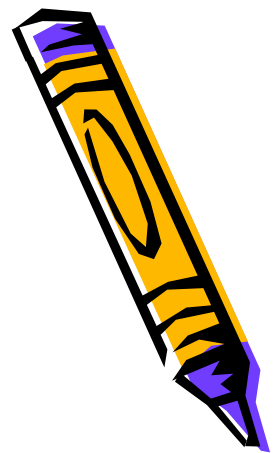
Hyphen-



- Used to make compound nouns (like brother-in-law)
- Used to make compound adjectives (like yellow-green)



Dash ---



- Longer than a hyphen
- Used to indicate a break in the thought of a sentence. Ex: My Uncle Bill - Wow! Look at that pink pony - was my favorite relative.
- Usually sets off information that is completely unnecessary to the rest of the sentence



(Parentheses)



- Used to indicate extra information within a sentence or at the end of a sentence

Ex: My Uncle Bill (the one with the gray shirt on) is my favorite relative.



Apostrophe'

- Used to show possession with nouns
- Used to show missing letter(s) in a contraction

